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Dear Dr. Lederberg,

Very many thanks for your letter. Phil. Edwards is quite right, we have got this organism r,i - l,w, on which we are working at the present time. We were going to work out the detailed antigenic structure, but obviously we are not in a position to do anything else. Of course, we shall see whether we can isolate the organism in three or more flagellar phases. This strain was isolated from an African baby by Dr. Hughes, who was working at Accra. We had two strains from him, isolated from different patients, and there was no relationship between the two patients. We have not, as yet, got far with the serology, but I will give you the results as soon as they are through, which could be quite shortly.

I wonder if you have also heard of our other wild strain, which has the antigenic structure $17:e,n,z_{15}-1,6$? This organism was isolated from tortoises on a number of occasions, and is about to be written up.

Clive sends his regards. I suspect he is pretty busy at the moment, as he is about to give a course of lectures on statistics.

Kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

Dr. Joan Taylor.